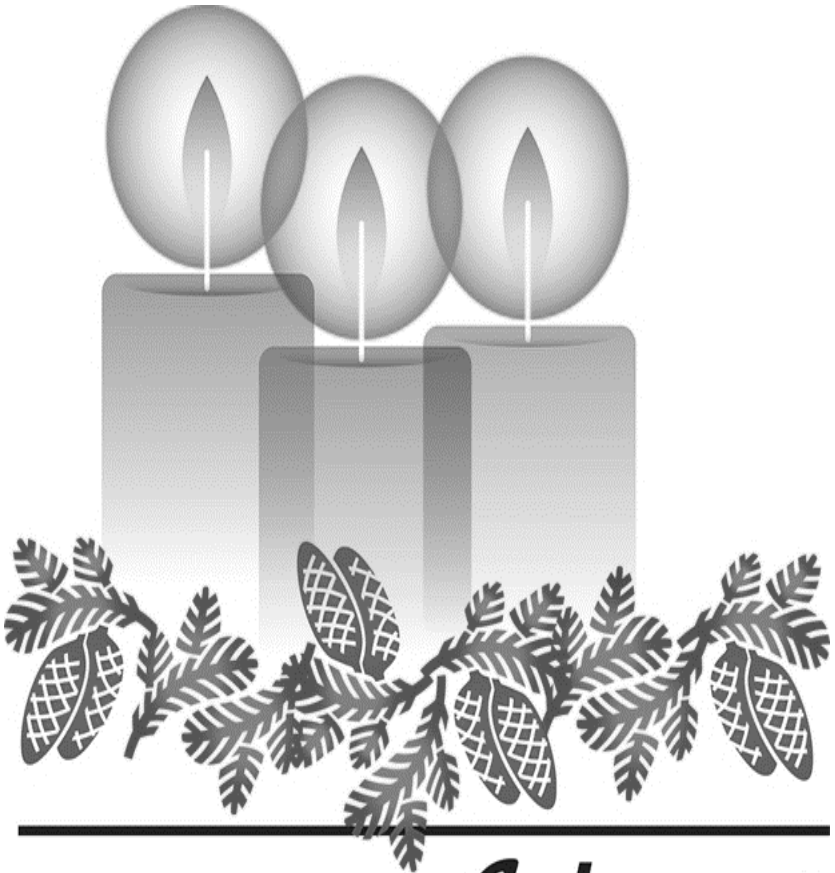


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THIRD SUNDAY OF *Advent*

December 12, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Rev. Diane Flynn, Minister

Patti Reep, Organist

Sue Geidel, Pianist

Deborah Snyder, Choir Director

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lighting of the Advent Candle

Melissa Cushey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rejoice in the Lord always.

I will say it again: Rejoice!

Let your gentleness be evident to all.

The Lord is near.

We rejoice in the hope of Christ's coming. Let us worship God!

MORNING PRAYER

* Hymn of Praise #99 CLH "Angels We Have Heard on High"
(with masks)

* CALL TO CONFESSION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O promised Christ: We are a world at war. Our peace depends on your coming. We are a sinful people. Our pardon depends on your coming. We are full of good intentions but weak at keeping promises; our only hope of doing God's will is that you should come and help us do it. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for your peace, for your pardon, and for your grace. Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* GLORIA PATRI #579 PH (with masks)

* Passing of the Peace

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

Choir Anthem “Amazing Savior”

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Zephaniah 3:14-20

SERMON “In Your Midst”

MOMENT FOR SILENT MEDITATION

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER Pg. 16 PH

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

* THE DOXOLOGY #592 PH (with masks)

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Almighty God, you have done and are doing great things for us, and holy is your name. Bless all we offer you—ourselves, our time, and our possessions—that through us your grace and favor may be made known to all the world, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

* Closing Hymn #93 CLH “Hark! The Herald Angels Sing”
(with masks)

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE #73 CLH “While We Are Waiting, Come” (verse 1 only) (with masks)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

* Congregation please stand if you are able.

PH - Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue Hymnal)

CLH - Christian Life Hymnal (Red Hymnal)

Visitors, please sign our guest book located in the vestibule.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Diane Flynn can be reached by calling/texting 412-997-0642 or by e-mail at revdcflynn@gmail.com.

Congregational Meeting – Today following worship there will be a brief congregation meeting for the purpose of electing elders and deacons for the coming year, to present the church budget for 2022, and a proposal to amend the church bylaws.

Armstrong Sch. Dist. Clothes Closet Gifts – Due today. Thank you to all those who donated gifts.

Let's Do Christmas – Today 4:00pm – 6:00pm.

Session Meeting – Mon., Dec. 13th at 7:00pm.

Mug & a Prayer – Wed., Dec. 15th at 10:00am.

Choir Practice – Wed., Dec. 15th at 7:00pm.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Friday, Dec. 24th at 7:00pm.

Online giving is here. Go to www.cowansvillechurch.org and click on ONLINE GIVING then GIVE NOW from your PC or download the app for mobile giving.

The offering plate is located on the table in the back of the church, you may leave your offering there.

If you have a prayer concern and would like to place it on the Prayer Chain, please contact Dan and Kathy Harris at 724-526-5980 or Klharris47@yahoo.com; Debbie Fleeger at 724-297-3920; Pat Robinson at patrobin@windstream.net or Pat Boltz at pkb649@yahoo.com between the hours of 8:00am and 10:00pm.

If you have an announcement for the bulletin, please provide your information by Wednesday morning to Jan Cannon at 724-919-8716 or by e-mail at djicannon@yahoo.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dec. 12 – Michelle Polczynski